

SAFETY OFFICER INSTRUCTIONS

Felony Vehicle Stop

Responsibilities:

You are responsible for the safety of all participants. At no point in time should anyone go hands on, other than cooperative handcuffing, during any scenario. If you see anything that you deem as unsafe to anyone, say STOP or END SCENARIO. Fix the issue and continue with the scenario. If the issue needs further attention, radio to the primary proctor for assistance. If there is an emergency, call 911.

Deputies should activate their cameras as soon as safe to do so.

The scenario will end when the vehicle has been cleared.

There will be no critiquing after the scenario unless you deem necessary.

RELATED BWC INTERIM P&P

IV. PROCEDURE

A. Deputy/Officer Safety takes Precedence over Recording Events

Deputy Sheriffs shall follow existing officer safety policies and training when conducting law enforcement related contacts as outlined in Department policies and procedures. Deputy/Officer safety shall be the primary consideration when contacting citizens or conducting law enforcement related contacts, not the ability to record an event.

H. When and Where to Record

1. Enforcement Related Contacts

a. Deputies/ Community Service Officers shall activate the BWC to record all law enforcement related contacts. The record mode of the camera shall be activated prior to actual contact with the citizen (victim/witness/suspect), or as soon as safely possible, and continue recording until the contact is concluded.

b. Law enforcement related contacts include but are not limited to the following: traffic stops, field interviews, vehicle tows, issuing of citations, issuing of parking tickets, detentions, arrests, persons present at radio calls who are accused of crimes, serving court orders or civil papers, investigative interviews, deputy initiated consensual encounters and private person initiated contacts of a confrontational nature.

c. Deputies in plain clothes assignments are not included in the requirements in paragraph 1a above; however, they will utilize the BWC when assigned to a uniformed patrol assignment under the provisions of this pilot program.